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SUBJECT: BUDGET PASSAGE DELAYED BY POLITICAL DISPUTE

1. PASSAGE OF 1974 BUDGET IS BEING DELAYED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DISPUTE BETWEEN COPEI AND EX-COPEI (NOW NEW FORCE) TACHIRA STRONGWOMAN DEPUTY CARMEN DE VALERA. COPEI AND ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) HAD APPARENTLY REACHED COMPROMISE ON BUDGET LAST WEEK, THUS PRESUMABLY ASSURING RAPID PASSAGE OF BUDGET DURING AUGUST 15-25 EXTENSION OF REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL SESSION. HOWEVER, BEFORE FIRST READING OF BUDGET WAS DUE TO BEGIN IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MRS. VALERA DEMANDED RECOGNITION TO MAKE SPEECH DENOUNCING WHAT SHE SAYS IS MASSIVE CORRUPTION IN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER ANTONIO LEIDENZ (AD) AGREED TO LET HER SPEAK BUT COPEI DELEGATION WALKED OUT EN MASSE, THUS BREAKING QUORUM AND MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MRS. VALERA TO ENTER SPEECH INTO RECORD OR FOR FIRST READING OF BUDGET TO TAKE PLACE. SAME THING HAPPENED AUGUST 20, THUS EXTENDING IMPASSE AND MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO APPROVE BUDGET BY AUGUST 25.

2. COMMENT: MRS. VALERA AND HER NEW FORCE COLLEAGUES ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRYING TO EMBARRASS COPEI ADMINISTRATION BY DEMANDING FORMAL

AIRING OF FREQUENTLY-VOICED CHARGES OF COPEI CORRUPTION; AD
WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE HER CONGRESSIONAL FORUM. DISPUTE
IS ONE OF MANY ELECTION-YEAR SQUABBLES, WHICH WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY BE RESOLVED BY YET ANOTHER AD-COPEI COMPROMISE TO
FACILITATE PASSAGE OF BUDGET, SO THAT CONGRESSIONAL SESSIONS
CAN END (ALBEIT WITH ANOTHER EXTENSION BEYOND AUGUST 25)
AND CONGRESSMEN CAN GET ON WITH FULL-TIME CAMPAIGNING.
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